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5 Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 23, 2001.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 4 as indicated by the following replacement claims, referring to the Appendix for mark-ups.

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1. (Twice amended) A data base for storing persistent data, comprising:
a buffer into which is written persistent data to be permanently stored;
a permanent memory connected to the buffer, the permanent memory having at least two storage units, into which the persistent data is alternately written, each storage unit being structured to store a complete permanent configuration for at least one of:
a) functions,
b) characteristics and,
c) a hardware implementation,
of a terminal or cards of the terminal,
at least one of the permanent configurations stored having a complete configuration available and being selected for hardware implementation.